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In reply to Office Action of 16 July 2004

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REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-18 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 1-14 are allowed. Claims 15-18 are rejected. Claims 15 and 17 are amended by this response.

The Examiner rejected claims 15-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

Claim 15 recites the limitation "said central housing" in line 9. The Examiner contended that there is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 17 recites the limitation "said central housing" in line 9. The Examiner contended that there is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

The Examiner rejected claims 16 and 18 for depending from the aforementioned rejected parent claims.

The Examiner has allowed claims 1-14.

These rejections and objections are respectfully traversed in view of these amendments and remarks.

In response to the Examiner's rejections, Applicants have amended claims 15 and 17 by replacing "central housing" with "cylindrical housing". Applicants respectfully suggest that there is sufficient basis for "cylindrical housing" in the claims." It is respectfully suggested that claims 15 and 17 are

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allowable in view of this amendment. Claims 16 and 18 should be allowable by dependency.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of these claims and the application.

The Examiner is invited to telephone James M. Kasischke, Attorney for Applicants, at 401-832-4736 if, in the opinion of the Examiner, such a telephone call would serve to expedite the prosecution of the subject patent application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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